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he points out the Way to obtain Wisdom, in a manner much more plain and certain than any other Philosopher, either before his time or since.

*Doth not Wisdom cry? (says he) and Understanding put forth her voice?*

*She standeth in the top of high Places, by the Way of the Places in the Paths.*

*She crieth at the Gates of the City, at the entry of the City, at the coming in at the Doors.*

Here it is plainly asserted, that real Knowledge is to be obtained

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obtained in the *public Places*, not in sleepy Cloisters; by an accurate attention to the minds and dispositions of Men (the great Springs of all human actions) and not to the subtilties of a vain Philosophy.

*The proper study of mankind is Man.* POPE.

For this reason I have at present collected a variety of Personages from the Public Streets, which I flatter myself will neither be unuseful or unentertaining. The People of England display a greater variety of Character than any

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